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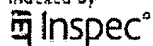
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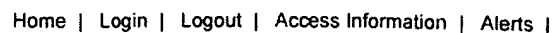
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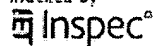
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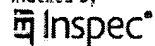
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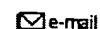
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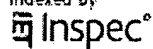
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Todd J. Green, Ashish Gupta, Gerome Miklau, Makoto Onizuka, Dan Suciu

December 2004 **ACM Transactions on Database Systems (TODS)**, Volume 29 Issue 4

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We consider the problem of evaluating a large number of XPath expressions on a stream of XML packets. We contribute two novel techniques. The first is to use a single Deterministic Finite Automaton (DFA). The contribution here is to show that the DFA can be used effectively for this problem: in our experiments we achieve a constant throughput, independently of the number of XPath expressions. The major issue is the size of the DFA, which, in theory, can be exponential in the number of XPath expr ...

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Ricardo A. Baeza-Yates, Gaston H. Gonnet

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We present algorithms for efficient searching of regular expressions on preprocessed text, using a Patricia tree as a logical model for the index. We obtain searching algorithms that run in logarithmic expected time in the size of the text for a wide subclass of regular expressions, and in sublinear expected time for any regular expression. This is the first

such algorithm to be found with this complexity.

4 On the use of regular expressions for searching text



Charles L. A. Clarke, Gordon V. Cormack

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Keywords: SGML, regular expressions, regular languages

5 Fast and simple character classes and bounded gaps pattern matching, with application to protein searching



Gonzalo Navarro, Mathieu Raffinot

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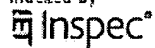
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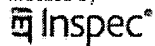
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S3	1046	NFA OR NFSFA OR (NONDETERMINI? OR NON()DETERMINI?)(1W)S1
S4	9	THOMPSON? ?(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S5	409	INDUCT???(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S6	72537	INDUCTIVE?
S7	22479	THOMPSON?
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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE START OF A MATCH OF A REGULAR
EXPRESSION
SYSTEME ET PROCEDE PERMETTANT DE DETECTER LE DEBUT D'UNE CORRESPONDANCE
D'UNE EXPRESSION REGULIERE

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Claims

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English Abstract

A system for determining the start of a match of a regular expression

includes a special state table that contains start entries and terminal entries, and a set of start state registers for holding offset information. The system further includes a DFA next state table that, given the current state and an input character, returns the next state. A settable indicator is included in the DFA next state table corresponding to each next state table entry which indicates whether to perform a lookup in the special state table. A compiler loads values into the special state table based on the regular expression. A method for determining the start of a match of a regular expression using the special state table, the set of start state registers and the DFA next state table, includes the step of determining from the regular expression each start-of match start state and each end-of-match terminal state. For each start state, a start state entry is loaded into the special state table. For each terminal state, a terminal state entry is loaded into each special state table. The next state table is used to return the next state from the current state and an input character. When a start state is encountered, the current offset from the beginning of the input character string is loaded into the start state register. When a terminal state is encountered, the terminal state entry is retrieved from the special state table, and the value of the start state register corresponding to the rule number of the terminal entry in the special state table is further retrieved. The value of the start state register which is retrieved indicates the location in the character string where the start-of-match occurred for a particular rule.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un systeme permettant de detecter le debut d'une correspondance d'une expression reguliere, comprenant une table d'etat special contenant des entrees de debut et des entrees de fin, et une serie de registres d'etat de debut servant a contenir des informations d'ecart. Le systeme comprend egalement une table d'etat suivant DFA (automate deterministe a etats finis) qui, selon l'etat reel et un caractere entre, retourne l'etat suivant. La table d'etat suivant DFA comprend un indicateur reglable correspondant a chaque entree de table d'etat suivant indiquant s'il faut effectuer une recherche dans la table d'etat special. Ce systeme comprend egalement un compilateur permettant de charger des valeurs dans la table d'etat special sur la base de l'expression reguliere. L'invention concerne egalement un procede permettant de detecter le debut d'une correspondance d'une expression reguliere a l'aide de la table d'etat special, de l'ensemble de registres d'etat de debut et de la table d'etat suivant DFA, consistant a detecter a partir de l'expression reguliere chaque etat de debut de correspondance et chaque etat final de correspondance de fin. Pour chaque etat de debut, une entree d'etat de debut est chargee dans la table d'etat special. Pour chaque etat final, une entree d'etat final est chargee dans chaque table d'etat special. La table d'etat suivant est utilisee pour retourner l'etat suivant a partir de l'etat reel et un caractere d'entree. Lorsqu'un etat de debut est rencontre, le decalage reel par rapport au debut de la chaine de caracteres d'entree est charge dans le registre d'etat de debut. Lorsqu'un etat final est rencontre, l'entree d'etat final est recuperee de la table d'etat special, et la valeur du registre d'etat de debut correspondant au numero de regle de l'entree finale dans la table d'etat special est egalement recuperee. La valeur du registre d'etat de debut qui est recuperee indique l'emplacement dans la chaine de caracteres ou le debut de correspondant s'est produit pour une regle particuliere.

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METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR EVALUATION OF REGULAR EXPRESSIONS OF ARBITRARY SIZE
PROCEDES ET APPAREILS POUR L'EVALUATION D'EXPRESSIONS REGULIERES DE TAILLE ARBITRAIRE

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English Abstract

Embodiments of the invention provide a programmable FSA building block, having a number of programmable registers and associated logic implemented therein, that provide the capability of contextually evaluating complex RES of arbitrary size against multiple data streams. Embodiments of the invention provide fully programmable hardware in which all of the states of an RE are instantiated and all of the states are fully connected. For one embodiment, the building blocks have a fixed number of states to facilitate implementation on a chip. For such an embodiment, an RE having an excessive number of states is implemented on two or more FSA building blocks and the FSA building blocks are then stitched together to effect evaluation of the RE. For one embodiment, two or more RES having a number of states less than the fixed number of states of a building block may be implemented with a single building block.

French Abstract

La presente invention, dans divers modes de realisation, a trait a un bloc fonctionnel d'automates d'etats finis programmable, comportant une pluralite de registres programmables et une logique associee qui y sont executes, fournissant la capacite d'evaluer en contexte des expressions regulieres complexes de taille arbitraire par rapport a de multiples trains de donnees. Les modes de realisation de l'invention fournissent un materiel entierement programmable dans lequel sont instanciees tous les etats d'une expression reguliere et tous les etats sont entierement relies. Dans un mode de realisation, les blocs fonctionnels ont un nombre fixe d'etats afin de faciliter l'execution sur une puce. Pour un tel mode de realisation, une expression reguliere presentant un nombre excessif d'etats est executee sur au moins deux blocs fonctionnels d'automate d'etats finis et les blocs fonctionnels d'automates d'etats finis sont ensuite lies ensemble pour realiser une evaluation de l'expression reguliere. Dans un mode de realisation, au moins deux expressions regulieres presentant un nombre d'etats inferieur au nombre d'etats fixe d'un bloc fonctionnel peuvent etre executees avec un bloc fonctionnel unique.

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... Figure 3, may be used to implement a state machine architecture for realization of a non - deterministic finite state automata with R nodes, R symbols, and R A2 arcs. In Figure 3, R has been...

...FSA building block described above can be used to realize fast and efficient implementations of non - deterministic finite state automata (NFA) in hardware. The specification of an NFA naturally maps to the apparatus. Since regular expressions...

...Techniques, and Tools" by Alfred V. Aho, Ravi Sethi, Jeffrey D. Ullman]. Notable algorithms include Thompson 's construction and the Berry-Sethi construction. These algorithms map a regular expression comprising of...

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF STATE MACHINES AND PROGRAMMABLE FINITE STATE AUTOMATA
PROCEDE ET DISPOSITIF POUR LA MISE EN OEUVRE ET L'EVALUATION EFFICACE D'AUTOMATES FINIS ET D'AUTOMATES FINIS PROGRAMMABLES

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Claims

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English Abstract

A method and apparatus for efficient implementation and evaluation of state machines and programmable finite state automata is described. In one embodiment, a state machine architecture comprises a plurality of node elements, wherein each of the plurality of node elements represents a node of a control flow graph. The state machine architecture also comprises a plurality of interconnections to connect node elements, a plurality of state transition connectivity control logic to enable and disable connections within the plurality of interconnections to form the control flow graph with the plurality of node elements, and a plurality of state transition evaluation logic coupled to the interconnections and operable to evaluate input data against criteria, the plurality of state transition evaluation logic to control one or more state transitions between node elements in the control flow graph.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un procede et un dispositif pour la mise en oeuvre et l'evaluation efficace d'automates finis et d'automates finis programmables. Selon une variante, on decrit une architecture d'automate fini qui comprend plusieurs elements de noeud, chacun de ces elements representant un noeud de graphe de flux de commande. L'architecture comprend aussi plusieurs interconnexions pour la connexion des elements de noeud, plusieurs logiques de commande de connectivite de transition d'etat pour l'activation et la desactivation de connexions dans les interconnexions considerees, visant a etabli le graphe de commande de flux avec la pluralite d'elements de noeud, et plusieurs logiques d'evaluation de transition d'etat couplees aux interconnexions et permettant d'evaluer les donnees d'entree par rapport a des criteres, les logiques d'evaluation de transition d'etat controlant une ou plusieurs transitions d'etat entre les elements de noeud dans le graphe de flux de commande.

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... one embodiment can accommodate several thousand state machines (each comprised of, for example, 16-state non-deterministic finite state automata) on a single chip.
[0042] Figure 2 illustrates a sample embodiment...illustrates one embodiment of the state machine architecture, as tailored for the realization of non-deterministic finite state automata and for the parallel evaluation of multiple regular expressions on input data. Figure 4 shows...

...b) shows the embodiment of the architecture for realization of a state machine for a non-deterministic finite state automata with R nodes, R symbols, and R A2 arcs. In Figure 3(b), R = 3...

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S4	0	THOMPSON? ?(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S5	99	INDUCT???(1W)CONSTRUCT?
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S8	0	S2 AND S3 AND THOMPSON?
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S4	83	THOMPSON? ?(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S5	311	INDUCT???(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S6	0	S2 AND S3 AND S5
S7	0	S2 AND S3 AND INDUCTIVE
S8	4	S2 AND S3 AND THOMPSON?
S9	3	RD (unique items)

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...a language is described by a regular expression, one can construct a
 nondeterministic finite automaton (NFA) which will recognize that
 language. There are well-known algorithms for constructing such NFA . This
 paper surveys existing algorithms and presents two new constructions which
 are designed both to produce small---near minimal--- NFA and to do so
 efficiently. The authors' first new construction allows
 ϵ -transitions, while the...

...don't count). The first construction uses $O(\alpha)$ time

to generate an NFA of size $\leq \frac{3}{2}|\alpha| + \frac{5}{2}$, where the size of an NFA is the sum of the number of states and number of transitions. They show that...

...construction is near optimal by producing a family of regular expressions for which every recognizing NFA has size $\geq \frac{4}{3}|\alpha| + \frac{1}{3}$.

The elimination of...

...and space $O(|\alpha| \log |\alpha|)$.

The authors compare the size of the NFA produced by their algorithm with other well-known constructions, and give several examples of regular ...

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From regular expressions to DFA's using compressed NFA's.
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From regular expressions to DFA's using compressed NFA's.

Summary: There are two principal methods for turning regular expressions into NFA's---one due to McNaughton and Yamada and another due to Thompson. Unfortunately, both have drawbacks. Given a regular expression R of length r with s occurrences...

... r) space algorithms to produce a $\Theta(m)$ space representation of McNaughton and Yamada's NFA with $s+1$ states and m transitions. The problem with this NFA is that $m = \Theta(s^2)$ in the worst case. Thompson's method takes $\Theta(r)$ time and space to construct a $\Theta(r)$ space NFA with $\Theta(r)$ states and $\Theta(r)$ transitions. The problem with this NFA is that r can be arbitrarily larger than s .

We overcome the drawbacks of both...

... s) space algorithm to construct an $O(s)$ space representation of McNaughton and Yamada's NFA. Given any set V of NFA states, our representation can be used to compute the set U of states one transition ...

... V in optimal time $O(|V| + |U|)$. McNaughton and Yamada's NFA requires $\Theta(|V| \times |U|)$ time in the worst case. Using Thompson's NFA, the equivalent calculation requires $\Theta(r)$ time in the worst case. Comparative benchmarks show that an implementation of our method outperforms implementations of competing methods with respect to time for NFA construction, NFA acceptance testing, and NFA-to-DFA conversion by subset construction.

Throughout this paper program transformations are used to design algorithms and...

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S3	3627	NFA OR NFSA OR (NONDETERMINI? OR NON()DETERMINI?)(1W)S1
S4	174	THOMPSON? ?(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S5	75	INDUCT???(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S6	0	S2 AND S3 AND S5
S7	0	S2 AND S3 AND INDUCTIVE
S8	0	S2 AND S3 AND THOMPSON?

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Set	Items	Description
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S3	1	NFA OR NFSA OR (NONDETERMINI? OR NON()DETERMINI?)(1W)S1
S4	0	THOMPSON? ?(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S5	0	INDUCT???(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S6	0	S2 AND S3 AND S5
S7	0	S2 AND S3 AND INDUCTIVE
S8	0	S2 AND S3 AND THOMPSON?

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S3	1695	NFA OR NFSA OR (NONDETERMINI? OR NON()DETERMINI?)(1W)S1
S4	14	THOMPSON? ?(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S5	676	INDUCT???(1W)CONSTRUCT?
S6	0	S2 AND S3 AND S5
S7	0	S2 AND S3 AND INDUCTIVE
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Abstract: There are two principal methods for turning regular expressions into NFAs—one due to R. McNaughton and H. Yamada (1960) and another due to K. Thompson (1968). Unfortunately, both have drawbacks. Given a regular expression R of length r and with s occurrences of alphabet symbols, Chang and Paige (1992) and Bruggemann-Klein (1993) gave $\Theta(m+r)$ time and $O(r)$ space algorithms to produce a $\Theta(m)$ space representation of McNaughton and Yamada's NFA with $s+1$ states and m transitions. The problem with this NFA is that $m = \Theta(s^2)$ in the worst case. Thompson's method takes $\Theta(r)$ time and space to construct a $\Theta(r)$ space NFA with $\Theta(r)$ states and $\Theta(r)$ transitions. The problem with this NFA is that v can be arbitrarily larger than s . We overcome drawbacks of both methods with a $\Theta(r)$ time $\Theta(s)$ space algorithm to construct an $O(s)$ space representation of McNaughton and Yamada's NFA. Given any set V of NFA states, our representation can be used to compute the set U of states one transition away from the states in V in optimal time $O(|V| + |U|)$. McNaughton and Yamada's NFA requires $\Theta(|V| \times |U|)$ time in the worst case. Using Thompson's NFA, the equivalent calculation requires $\Theta(r)$ time in the worst case. Comparative benchmarks show that an implementation of our method outperforms implementations of competing methods with respect to time for NFA construction, NFA accepting testing, and NFA-to-DFA conversion by subset construction. Throughout this paper program transformations are used to design algorithms and derive programs. A transformation of special importance is a form of finite differencing used previously by D. Smith to improve the efficiency of functional programs. (26 Refs)

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Abstract: Thompson (1968) introduced an innovative method for obtaining non-deterministic finite state automata (nfa) from regular expressions. His formulation of nfes makes use of epsilon-transitions (null symbol input) and requires in the worst case $2\sigma + 2$ OPS states, where σ is the number of occurrences of alphabet symbols and OPS is the number of operands in the original regular expression. We modify this algorithm to obtain a nfa M without epsilon-transitions that has in the worst case $\sigma + 1$ states. Using multi-branch expression trees to store the regular expressions efficiently, the algorithm presented is directly parallelizable. The algorithm necessitates that we maintain a finite state automata which has no epsilon-transitions and has a starting node of zero in-degree. The role of epsilon-transitions in finite state automata is examined and, based on the technique of bypassing, two alternative approaches are suggested. (15 Refs)

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Non-Deterministic Recogniser: Generator Generator

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Non-deterministic finite automata are used in applications, like scanners and editors, that use pattern matching. Thompson's construction is an algorithm that will generate a non-deterministic finite automaton given a regular expression. The author takes a fresh look at this construction method. He specifies and implements it using an attribute grammar, and using a scanner and parser generator, he builds recognizer generators that can generate a recognizer for a given regular expression. The recognizer uses a backtracking algorithm to determine whether a string matches the regular expression. He also considers and solves the problem of regular expressions that cause the recognizer to loop.

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Abstract: Program transformations constitute a form of finite differencing to improve the efficiency of functional programs and are used to design and derive programs. There are two methods to transform regular expressions into NFA's, one due to McNaughton and Yamada and the other due to Thompson. Given regular expressions R of length r and with s occurrences of alphabet symbols, Theta (m plus r) time and $O(r)$ space algorithms are derived to produce Theta (m) space representation of McNaughton and Yamada's NFA with s plus 1 states and m transitions. However, the drawback of this NFA is that m equals Theta (s^2) in the worst case. Thompson's method takes Theta (r) time and space to construct a Theta (r) space and Theta (r) transitions but r can be arbitrarily larger than s . 26 Refs.

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Abstract: Thompson introduced an innovative method for obtaining non-deterministic finite state automata (nfa) from regular expressions. His formulation of nfas makes use of epsilon-transitions (null symbol point). We modify this algorithm to obtain a nfa M without epsilon-transitions that has in the worst case delta plus 1 states. Using multi-branch expression trees to store the regular expressions efficiently, the algorithm presented here is directly parallizable. The algorithm necessitates that we maintain a finite state automata which has no epsilon-transitions and has a starting node of zero in-degree. (Edited author abstract) 15 Refs.

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FROM REGULAR EXPRESSIONS TO DFA 'S USING COMPRESSED NFA 'S (NFA)

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We show how to turn a regular expression R of length r into an $O(s)$ space representation of McNaughton and Yamada's NFA, where s is the number of occurrences of alphabet symbols in R, and $s + 1$ is the number of NFA states. The standard adjacency list representation of McNaughton and Yamada's NFA takes up $1 + 2s + s^2$ space in the worst case. The adjacency list representation of the NFA produced by Thompson takes up between $2r$ and $6r$ space, where r can be arbitrarily larger than s. Given any subset V of states in McNaughton and Yamada's NFA, our representation can be used to compute the set U of states one transition away from the states in V in optimal time $O(|V| + |U|)$. McNaughton and Yamada's NFA requires $\Theta(|V| \times |U|)$ time in the worst case. Using Thompson's NFA, the equivalent calculation requires $\Theta(r)$ time in the worst case.

An implementation of our NFA representation confirms that it takes up an order of magnitude less space than McNaughton and Yamada's machine. An implementation to produce a DFA from our NFA representation by subset construction shows linear and quadratic speedups over subset construction starting from both Thompson's and McNaughton and Yamada's NFA's. It also shows that the DFA produced from our NFA is as much as one order of magnitude smaller than DFA's constructed from the two other NFA's.

An UNIX egrep compatible software called cgrep based on our NFA representation is implemented. A benchmark shows that cgrep is dramatically faster than both UNIX egrep and GNU e?grep.

Throughout this thesis the importance of syntax is stressed in the design of our algorithms. In particular, we exploit a method of program improvement in which costly repeated calculations can be avoided by establishing and maintaining program invariants. This method of symbolic finite differencing has been used previously by Douglas Smith to derive efficient functional programs.

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From regular expressions to DFA 's using compressed NFA 's

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE START OF A MATCH OF A REGULAR
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SYSTEME ET PROCEDE PERMETTANT DE DETECTER LE DEBUT D'UNE CORRESPONDANCE
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A system for determining the start of a match of a regular expression
includes a special state table that contains start entries and terminal

entries, and a set of start state registers for holding offset information. The system further includes a DFA next state table that, given the current state and an input character, returns the next state. A settable indicator is included in the DFA next state table corresponding to each next state table entry which indicates whether to perform a lookup in the special state table. A compiler loads values into the special state table based on the regular expression. A method for determining the start of a match of a regular expression using the special state table, the set of start state registers and the DFA next state table, includes the step of determining from the regular expression each start-of-match start state and each end-of-match terminal state. For each start state, a start state entry is loaded into the special state table. For each terminal state, a terminal state entry is loaded into each special state table. The next state table is used to return the next

state from the current state and an input character. When a start state is encountered, the current offset from the beginning of the input character string is loaded into the start state register. When a terminal state is encountered, the terminal state entry is retrieved from the special state table, and the value of the start state register corresponding to the rule number of the terminal entry in the special state table is further retrieved. The value of the start state register which is retrieved indicates the location in the character string where the start-of-match occurred for a particular rule.

French Abstract

L'invention concerne un systeme permettant de detecter le debut d'une correspondance d'une expression reguliere, comprenant une table d'etat special contenant des entrees de debut et des entrees de fin, et une serie de registres d'etat de debut servant a contenir des informations d'ecart. Le systeme comprend egalement une table d'etat suivant DFA (automate deterministe a etats finis) qui, selon l'etat reel et un caractere entre, retourne l'etat suivant. La table d'etat suivant DFA comprend un indicateur reglable correspondant a chaque entree de table d'etat suivant indiquant s'il faut effectuer une recherche dans la table d'etat special. Ce systeme comprend egalement un compilateur permettant de charger des valeurs dans la table d'etat special sur la base de l'expression reguliere. L'invention concerne egalement un procede permettant de detecter le debut d'une correspondance d'une expression reguliere a l'aide de la table d'etat special, de l'ensemble de registres d'etat de debut et de la table d'etat suivant DFA, consistant a detecter a partir de l'expression reguliere chaque etat de debut de correspondance et chaque etat final de correspondance de fin. Pour chaque etat de debut, une entree d'etat de debut est chargee dans la table d'etat special. Pour chaque etat final, une entree d'etat final est chargee dans chaque table d'etat special. La table d'etat suivant est utilisee pour retourner l'etat suivant a partir de l'etat reel et un caractere d'entree. Lorsqu'un etat de debut est rencontre, le decalage reel par rapport au debut de la chaine de caracteres d'entree est charge dans le registre d'etat de debut. Lorsqu'un etat final est rencontre, l'entree d'etat final est recuperee de la table d'etat special, et la valeur du registre d'etat de debut correspondant au numero de regle de l'entree finale dans la table d'etat special est egalement recuperee. La valeur du registre d'etat de debut qui est recuperee indique l'emplacement dans la chaine de caracteres ou le debut de correspondant s'est produit pour une regle particuliere.

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